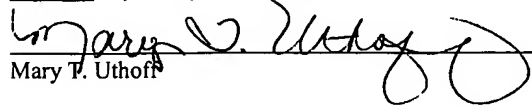


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, Applicant amends the claims and otherwise responds as follows. The shortened period for response expired June 24, 2006, accordingly, Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$1,020 is attached to cover the fee for the three-month extension of time. The extended due date for this response therefore is September 24, 2006. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this response, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this response to deposit account number 03-0172.**